

## NEWS BRIEFS

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### Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As concerns about the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) increase, the City of Fremont is continuing to monitor the outbreak's progress in close coordination with local agencies, and regional public health and emergency medical services personnel. Visit [www.Fremont.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.Fremont.gov/Coronavirus) for more information, including helpful resources and updates.



### City of Fremont Issues Call for Artist for the Temporary Housing Navigation Center

The City of Fremont is currently accepting proposals from artists to install a temporary mural at the temporary Housing Navigation Center (HNC). Fremont's HNC is a response to the community's growing homeless crisis and will provide a clean, safe, calm, and flexible environment that allows homeless persons to rebuild their lives and intensely focus on finding stable permanent housing. The HNC will accommodate 45 homeless community members who can stay up to 6-months while they receive rigorous case management and support in securing housing.



The mural installed at the HNC will be positive in nature, inspire hope, and reflect the participants' journey out of homelessness. The HNC has limited public access, and the intention of the mural is to create a welcoming environment for participants. The artist is encouraged to include community participation in the creation of the mural through population specific focus groups or community volunteering for painting the mural. The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2020. Artists interested in applying can visit [www.Fremont.gov/NavigationCenterArt](http://www.Fremont.gov/NavigationCenterArt) for complete details.

## Earthquake Brace + Bolt Program for Fremont Residents

*Grants are now available to help Fremont residents seismically retrofit their homes*

Fremont homeowners are now eligible for up to \$3,000 to make their houses less vulnerable to earthquake damage through Earthquake Brace + Bolt, a program jointly administered by the California Earthquake Authority (CEA) and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). The program offers eligible homeowners grant money to perform a seismic retrofit of their house. Homeowners can apply online at [www.EarthquakeBraceBolt.com](http://www.EarthquakeBraceBolt.com). The application deadline is March 19, 2020.



Since the program was founded in 2013, Earthquake Brace + Bolt grants have helped more than 9,000 homeowners retrofit their houses. Because older houses are more likely to slide off their foundation during an earthquake, an Earthquake Brace + Bolt seismic retrofit braces the cripple walls, when present, and bolts the house to the foundation, making the house more resistant to earthquake damage.

More than 1.2 million houses in high-hazard areas are particularly vulnerable to earthquakes because of the type of construction, according to the CEA. These homes are typically built before 1980, are wood framed with a raised foundation, and may have a cripple wall in the crawl space under the house.

For more information about this program and to apply, visit [www.EarthquakeBraceBolt.com](http://www.EarthquakeBraceBolt.com).

## Stay Updated on City News with the eNews Subscription Service

Community members can stay informed on City of Fremont happenings with the eNews subscription service that sends digital updates via email or text. To sign up, visit [www.Fremont.gov/eNews](http://www.Fremont.gov/eNews) and subscribe with an email address and/or mobile phone number. Users can choose from a variety of topics they are interested in, including meeting agendas and minutes, upcoming City events, news, volunteer opportunities, and more.



Additionally, many City of Fremont departments develop individual digital newsletters to provide the community with in-depth information on their current activities. Register at the below links:

**Community Development** Updates on developments, affordable housing, permitting services, and more.  
[www.Fremont.gov/DevelopmentDigest](http://www.Fremont.gov/DevelopmentDigest)

**Recreation Services** Information about classes, camps, events, volunteer opportunities, part-time recreation jobs, and more.  
[www.Fremont.gov/RecreationNewsletter](http://www.Fremont.gov/RecreationNewsletter)

**Fremont Green Challenge** Updates on the City's sustainability efforts and eco-friendly actions, programs, and events.  
[www.Fremont.gov/FGCNewsletter](http://www.Fremont.gov/FGCNewsletter)

**Age-Friendly Fremont** Local information on activities, resources, events, and issues impacting older adults and their families as part of Fremont's involvement in the AARP Age-Friendly City Network. To receive Age-Friendly, send a subscription request to [seniorcenter@fremont.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@fremont.gov). [www.Fremont.gov/AgeFriendlyNewsletter](http://www.Fremont.gov/AgeFriendlyNewsletter)

**Family Resource Center** Updates from 20+ partner agencies at the FRC, as well as info about FRC services, classes and special events. To receive FRC News, send a subscription request to [FRC@fremont.gov](mailto:FRC@fremont.gov). [www.Fremont.gov/FRCNewsletter](http://www.Fremont.gov/FRCNewsletter)

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